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IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGENT CHARGED WITH HARBORING AN ILLEGAL ALIEN

TUCSON, Ariz. – Immigration Enforcement Agent Ramon M. Sanchez, Jr., 41, of Tucson, Ariz., was charged here in U.S. District Court on April 12, 2005 with Harboring an Illegal Alien, in violation of Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1324(a)(s1)(A)(iii).

The criminal complaint charges Sanchez with harboring a female alien since their marriage in Tucson on Feb. 25, 2005 until his arrest on April 11, 2005. Sanchez said as early as November 2004 he knew the woman was a Mexican citizen who was not authorized to live or work in the United States. His detention hearing was held on April 14 and his preliminary hearing on April 15, 2005. He is not currently in federal custody.

A criminal complaint is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

A conviction for Harboring Illegal Aliens carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution is being handled by Mary Sue Feldmeier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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